

Torrance, California
February 23, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a
regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance,

California, on Wednesday evening, February 23, 1938 at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held February 8, 1938 and of an adjourned regular meeting held February 14, 1938, be approved as written. Councilmen McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the City of Hermosa Beach, advising that March 3, 1938 had been set as the time for the meeting to discuss the disposition of waste water from oil drilling operations. Mayor Tolson appointed Councilman Hitchcock and City Engineer Leonard to attend this meeting.

Three communications were read, which were submitted by persons who have, within the last few weeks, paid yearly business license fees, and requesting that they be granted refunds on the grounds that only a few months' benefit will be derived from the licenses. After a period of discussion as to how the business license ordinance might be amended to adjust claims of this nature, Councilman Hitchcock moved that the requests be filed. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Rippy presented for final reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 301

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 53, SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 114, ORDINANCE NO. 153, AND THE PORTION OF PARAGRAPH 70 OF SECTION 12 OF ORDINANCE NO. 235 REFERRING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, ALSO ORDINANCE NO. 285, AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ELECTRICIAN, DEFINING HIS POWERS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERING ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PROVIDING FOR LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS AND PERMITS FOR PERSONS DOING ELECTRICAL WORK

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 301 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that Ordinance No. 301 be adopted, for final reading. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Rippy stated that Judge Frank Carrell had contacted him and had explained that he was contemplating foreclosing on the mortgage he holds on the Moneta Water Company, and that, if the City of Torrance wishes, he will make a reasonable deal whereby the City can purchase the Moneta Water Company for a couple of thousand dollars down, and pay the balance out of revenues. After a discussion on the matter, and after studying the map showing the boundaries of the Moneta Water Company which Judge Carrell had left with Attorney Rippy, Mayor Tolson suggested that the matter be investigated further and that the Council hold an informal meeting with Judge Carrell present to explain the situation and answer any questions which might arise.

This suggestion met with the approval of the Council, and Attorney Rippy was advised to contact Judge Carrell as to a suitable meeting date.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$186.48 be made for the purchase of 24 5/8 x 3/4 Style 3 Trident Water Meters for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Deininger moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$350.00 be made for complete meter testing equipment for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that \$100.00, plus sales tax, be appropriated for the purchase of fifty gallons of traffic paint for the Street Department. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In compliance with a request for improvement of the alley in the rear of Block 82, Torrance Tract, as per Federal Housing Administration requirements, Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made for grading and improving this alley. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:05 p.m., a recess until 8:30 was declared, as 8:30 was the time set for hearing of protests on the zoning matter.

At 8:30 p.m. the meeting was resumed.

Clerk Bartlett read protests from J.R. Richards and George W. Neill, both protesting against restricting oil drilling by the proposed zoning. These protests were filed with the other protests which have been received to date.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Mayor be authorized to exercise the option on the eight lots adjoining the City Yard property. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Deininger seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Deininger, Hitchcock, McGuire, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 8:45 p.m., upon motion of Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to Friday, February 25, 1938 at 5:00 p.m.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance